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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FONOFF NEA DIVDIR

REF: A. SEOUL 10179, B. STATE 302050 (NOTAL)

WE UNDERSTAND KOREAN SENSITIVITY TO ANY INDICATION
THAT US AND JAPAN MIGHT BE CONSULTING ON POSSIBLE
DEPARTURES ON KOREAN POLICY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE
HOWEVER THAT ROUTINE, WORKING-LEVEL CONSULTATION
BY ENDO WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY, DURING WHICH
HE WOULD INFORMALLY MEET WORKING-LEVEL US OFFICIALS,
SHOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTY. MOFA IS AS AWARE OF
KOREAN SENSITIVITIES AS WE ARE AND HAS NO DESIRE
TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES. JUST BEFORE REFTEL A
RECEIVED, ENDO INFORMED US IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT THAT HE HAD SENT MESSAGE TO
JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON ASKING ITS VIEWS ON
TIMING OF VISIT, AND IT SEEMS CLEAR HE IS ALSO
PREPARED TO ACCEPT HIS EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE IN
REGARD TO APPOINTMENTS, ETC. THERE SHOULD BE
AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO INJECT NOTE OF CAUTION IN
COURSE OF ENDO'S VISIT TO SEOUL NEXT WEEK.
HOWEVER, UNLESS JAPANESE EMBASSY VOICES
OBJECTION TO VISIT, WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO
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DISCOURAGE IT, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
DEPARTMENT'S PREVIOUS AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE ENDO
EARLIER IN JANUARY. (REF B BEING REPEATED TO
SEOUL).
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